



**Glenn  
downs  
Parkland  
in game**

- See Page B1



**Roseboro  
picked  
city's top  
worker**

- See Page A3



**Family  
loses  
home  
in fire**

- See Page A9



**Kids get  
holiday  
grub  
at hotel**

- See Page C1

45 110805  
NORTH CAROLINA ROOM  
FORSYTH CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY  
660 W 5TH ST  
WINSTON SALEM NC 27101-1300  
\*\*\*\*\*CAR-RT-LOT\*\*C022

# THE CHRONICLE

For Reference

Not to be taken

75 cents

CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF COMMUNITY JOURNALISM from this library

Vol. XXXI No. 14

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2004

## City launches major cleanup

BY COURTNEY GAILLARD  
THE CHRONICLE

City officials announced yesterday plans to clean up the city, one property at a time with a new initiative that will join various local agencies with neighborhoods. Residents frustrated with trash, debris and other abandoned



Paige

junk in their communities can nominate a property for Operation Impact. Animals, unkempt grass and dilapidated structures also fall under nuisance properties.

Property owners with a history of health, city and safety code violations who have been the subject of previous code enforcement are prime candidates for Operation Impact. A team of inspectors will visit each property and set a deadline for the owner to comply with city codes or risk court action and fines. As many as 20 properties will be handled at a time under Operation Impact to ensure that each property - be it residential, commercial or environmental - is cleaned up to meet code.

Because no single city department can address the various issues that surround problem properties, Operation Impact will bring together several city agencies such as Housing and Neighborhood Services, Inspections, the Winston-Salem Police Department, the Winston-Salem Fire Department and Sanitation as well as the

See Cleanup on A10



## STAR- STUDDER



Photos by Charlie Pfaff

Talk show trailblazer Oprah Winfrey was in town last week for a benefit concert to aid the work of the Maya Angelou Center on Minority Health at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center. Winfrey and Angelou hosted the concert, which featured emerging gospel singer Joshua Nelson, at St. Peter's World Outreach Center. The event sold out. The Angelou Center is designed to fight illness and disease.

## Results of NAACP election are contested

State looking into allegations

BY T. KEVIN WALKER  
THE CHRONICLE

The state NAACP is investigating elections held by the Winston-Salem chapter last week to determine if proper guidelines were followed. The investigation stems from a complaint filed by a local woman who had sought to become president of the local chapter.

JoAnne Allen said she filed the complaint because a number of NAACP rules and procedures were broken or simply not followed during the elections, which took place on Nov. 23. She alleges that people who were not eligible to vote in the elections were

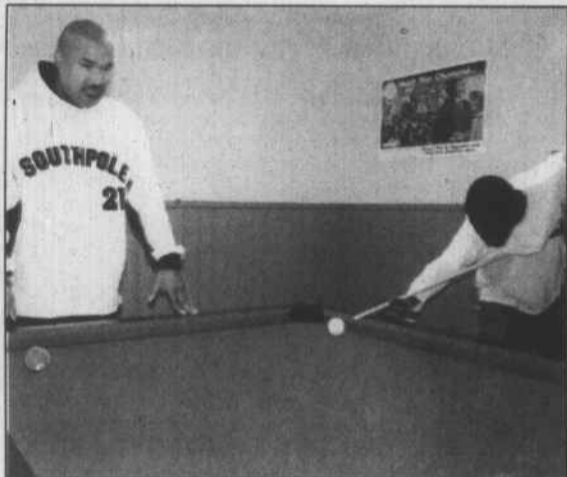
allowed to cast votes anyway. Allen also claims that provisional ballots, which are given to voters whose membership or eligibility has to be validated, were given improperly.



Allen

After elections ended on the night of Nov. 23, Stephen Hairston, chapter president, claimed a "landslide" victory. Hairston, who was seeking his second term as president, said he got more than two times the votes that Allen received. Hairston said the members of his leadership team - which includes vice presidents, a treasurer and secretary - were also winners. But Allen feels that the results

See NAACP on A5



File Photo

Stephen Hairston watches a young man play pool at the new NAACP Enrichment Center.

## Insurance firm settles race-based price case

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

N.C. Insurance Commissioner Jim Long has announced a settlement with Columbian Mutual Life Insurance Co. regarding a race-based premium case. Allegations in the case included charges that the company discriminated against minorities in the selling of industrial life and monthly debit ordinary products from 1958 to 1986. The settlement resulted in about 1,900 N.C. policyholders being eligible to receive adjustments.



Long

The adjustments range from annual premium reductions, dividend adjustments or additional term benefits. The com-

pany will provide similar adjustments for about 139,000 policies nationwide.

"This is not a huge case, but it still could have important benefits for some North Carolinians," Long said. "We have one problem, though: Not all of the affected policyholders are known. We are hoping to get the word out about this case so anyone who purchased this type of policy from Columbian Mutual Life can come forward."

Anyone with questions about eligibility for adjustments should call the company at 1-888-830-9372.

As part of the settlement agreement, the company denied any wrongdoing.

## Foundation gaining local support



Photos by Kevin Walker

Katherine Holland (right) thanks students for taking part in Monday's program.

BY T. KEVIN WALKER  
THE CHRONICLE

In the battle against AIDS in Africa - where the enemy is the axis of intolerance, misinformation, scarce resources - Dr. Paul Wangai is on the front lines. He founded New Life Home in Kenya a decade ago to nurture the littlest victims of the battle. New Life, a refuge for infants with HIV who have been abandoned by their parents, has saved more than 600 babies over the years.



Wangai

"Every one of (those babies) were meant to die," Wangai said. More than 80 percent of the babies that have come to New Life have been adopted. But the diligent work New

See Amani on A10



**In Grateful Memory of Our  
Founders,  
Florrie S. Russell and  
Carl H. Russell, Sr.**

"Growing and Still Dedicated to Serve You Better"

**Russell Funeral Home**

Wishes to Thank Everyone For Their Support

822 Carl Russell Ave.  
(at Martin Luther King Dr.)  
Winston-Salem, NC 27101  
(336) 722-3459  
Fax (336) 631-8268  
russhome@bellsouth.net

The Only Choice for African-American and Community News